

Short Course

Athens, Georgia, February 7 and 8, 2018

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PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD STUDY

8:00 am -12:00 pm | Wednesday, February 7

Dirr/Dooley Garden Tour - Sponsored by Super Sod

The plant tour starts with the noted plantsman, author, and retired Professor of the University of Georgia, Dr. Mike Dirr, and his wife, Bonnie, are sharing their 3.5 acre garden in Oconee Garden. The garden includes over 1,000 different plants and functions as a test area for many of Mike's plant introductions. Be prepared for a plant test on plants such as *Parrotia subaequalis*, *Corylus fargesii*, *Sinojackia rehderiana*, and over 50 viburnums. Next, a visit to the garden of former Georgia football coach and extraordinary horticulturist Vince Dooley. Because his personal philosophy is to get one of every plant, Coach Dooley has accumulated one of the finest collections of plants in the region including numerous Japanese Maples and hydrangeas. Coach Dooley will entertain everyone with his stories about how he accumulated the plants and developed the garden.

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Box Lunch Provided for Plant Walk Attendees

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1:00 pm -2:00 pm | Wednesday, February 7

Jean Williams-Woodward, UGA Plant Pathologist
Boxwood Blight, Rose Rosette, Reducing Landscape
Disease Risks

Boxwood Blight is a widespread fungal disease affecting boxwoods. Rose Rosette is caused by a virus that is spread by a very small, eriophyid mite. Jean Williams-Woodward will discuss two diseases that are present in a landscape and ways to effectively diminish those diseases. Topics that will be discussed: how to identify disease symptoms, how to reduce disease spread, and ways to manage occurring diseases.

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2:00 pm -3:00 pm | Wednesday, February 7

Michael Hinson, ADS Reps
Designing the Outdoor Room

Outdoor spaces can have the ability to connect people with nature and each other in meaningful ways. Michael Hinson will provide inspirational tools that promote conversations and open minds (and funding) for more comprehensive outdoor spaces. He will examine the critical role that site furnishings and supporting technology play in meeting the evolving needs of outdoor environments - such as from higher education, healthcare and corporate campuses, transit, and living and recreational spaces. This presentation will include videos from experts who will discuss the role site furnishings can play in creating great spaces, the importance of considering furnishings at the time of developing the landscape, and case studies that illustrate powerful results when site furnishings are considered at the early phases of landscape development.

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Break: 3:00 pm -3:15 pm

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3:15 pm - 4:15 pm | Wednesday, February 7

Shannon Currey, Hoffman Nursery

Grasses & Sedges from the Ground Cover Up

Grasses and sedges are building blocks for today's landscapes. With a focus on functionality, you will learn about grasses and sedges for every layer in a landscape and discover where they do their best work. From low-key groundcover to seasonal superstar, they play many roles. They reduce the need for maintenance, fertilizer, and pesticides. Their ability to anchor the soil and help manage storm water gives them a workhorse reputation, but their aesthetic qualities make them essential for looks as well.

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4:15 pm -5:15 pm | Wednesday, February 7

Kona Gray, EDSA

EDSA: The Projects of Studio Gray

Kona Gray, FASLA, has been working with EDSA since 1997. He has experience in many aspects of planning and landscape architecture, ranging from large scale planning to detailed site design with emphasis on hospitality and campus related projects. Kona is the Principal in Charge of Studio Gray at EDSA. This ten person team is invested in assignments that energize local economies and create environments that residents and communities can be proud of. In addition, the studio has a unique passion to expand EDSA's presence in the Caribbean and Africa. During his talk, Kona will discuss current projects on the boards and the various opportunities and challenges encountered while working on them.

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Break: 5:15 pm -5:30 pm

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5:30 pm -6:30 pm | Wednesday, February 7

Dr. Michael Dirr, Sponsored by Super Sod.

New Trees in Cultivation (or soon will be) in the Southeast

This lecture is an introduction to new shade and flowering trees with improved ornamental traits, pest resistance and environmental tolerances. The breeders and selectors have been active with improved oaks, redbuds, dogwoods, cherries, snowbells, maples, hackberries, pears and magnolias. For example, the new magnolia x soulangeana Mercury (tm) ('NCMX1') flowers three to four weeks later than the norm, thus avoiding killing frosts. The callery pears have invaded every spot of bare ground in the southeast. The new Chastity(tm) (NCPX2') is sterile. American Dream(r) ('JFS-KW12') swamp white oak was selected from 10,000 seedlings for leathery lustrous dark green, anthracnose resistant foliage, and uniform habit. This presentation provides a window to the best in new trees.

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6:30 pm -8:00 pm | Wednesday, February 7

Social Hour with UGA BLA Students and Faculty

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8:00 am -9:00 am | Thursday, February 8
Adam Miller, Formerly of Chicago Roof Deck and Garden - Landscape architect's opportunity to design up and not out

The increased popularity of living in urban areas means that outdoor space will become increasingly smaller and require better design. The romance of the long park-like space is giving way to smaller outdoor living rooms that have all the modern amenities of your home living room. It's a blend of landscape architecture and interior design, which will provide an opportunity for Landscape Architects to adapt and gain market share. Residential roof decks are essentially outdoor kitchens/living rooms and many commercial roof decks are designed to mimic the trends in workplace design. But the most successful spaces are the ones that still embrace the outside and successfully use the seasonality of plant material and the venerability of natural elements to enhance the space's character.

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9:00 am -10:00 am | Thursday, February 8
Eric King, King Landscaping
Hardscapes aren't really so hard

Hardscaping is integral to almost everything a landscape architect touches. Whether you're designing, building or both, Eric King will cut through the clutter to focus on the best natural and man-made materials available and how to use them to create stunning yet safe and practical designs. In this presentation, you will get a refresher on the basics of flatwork and retaining wall design and construction, see examples of both successful and unsuccessful installations, learn money-saving tips and tricks, and get guidance for creating practical details.

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Break: 10:00 am -10:15 am

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10:15 am -11:15 am | Thursday, February 8
Josh Koons, Koons Environmental Design
Transformation to a Performance-Based Urban Landscape: Fifteen Years at Georgia Tech

In 2000, Georgia Tech established a Planning & Design Commission to guide development of its expanding campus. Along with consulting landscape architects, this group has influenced expansion strategies, design proposals, and the incremental implementation of a performance-based Landscape Master Plan centered on an Eco-Commons that meanders through this urban campus.

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11:15 am -12:15 pm | Thursday, February 8

Bill De St Aubin, Sizemore Group

Mall Retrofits and the Experimental Economy

Suburban shopping malls are being hit hard by store closures. Many malls need to be repurposed in a way that enhances the urban experience with block size reduction, green space, and mixed-use development. This presentation discusses how to overcome the competitive pressure shopping malls face by creating a connected, engaging environment for customers. With entertainment, education, aesthetic, and a sense of escape, an interactive mall visit will provide customers with a riveting experience intended to influence customers to return again and again.

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12:15 pm -1:15 pm

Lunch for participants in the Post Conference Field Study

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POST CONFERENCE FIELD STUDY

1:15 pm -4:15 pm | Thursday, February 8

Reid Ferrero, Project Manager at UGA

Application of Green Infrastructure at UGA

This presentation will begin with a brief history of green infrastructure. Following the intro, Reid Ferrero will discuss:

- History of green infrastructure
- Definitions
- Types of Green Infrastructure
- Installed applications on campus

After the final discussion, an elementary sizing exercise will be given that will illustrate how to size a rain garden for a small parking lot. Following that will be a green street field trip.

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